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1. (S) WE CONCUR IN GENERAL WITH TOR PROVIDED IN REFTTEL,  
BUT HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH YOU SHOULD INCORPORATE,  
WHERE APPROPRIATE, IN COURSE OF FURTHER DELIBERATIONS  
OF EWG:

(A) TASKING FOR THREE STUDIES ON SHELTERS, ANTI-TANK,  
AND WRM STOCKS COINCIDE WITH US OBJECTIVES. WE BELIEVE  
THAT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DPC IN DECEMBER IN THESE AREAS  
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SHOULD BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE, PROVIDING CLEAR

GOALS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND COURSES OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN. THEREFORE, IN REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT IN EWG ON TOR, YOU SHOULD RESIST POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO DILUTE ACHIEVEMENT OF ABOVE GOALS. FURTHER, IN COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT STUDIES YOU SHOULD CLOSELY MONITOR ON-GOING WORK IN NATO TO ENSURE PROGRESS IN DIRECTION WE WANT.

(B) WE CONCUR IN GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF SECOND PHASE IN TOR (PARA 7 REFTTEL). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE TOR SHOULD PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC TASKING FOR EARLY INITIATION OF SECOND PHASE STUDY. IN PARTICULAR, WE THINK THERE SHOULD BE A PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR DPC IN DECEMBER GIVING

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER DETAILED STUDY OF SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT. WE RECOGNIZE BURDEN THIS PLACES ON ALREADY HEAVY WORK SCHEDULE IN NATO. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MINISTERS, IN ABSENCE OF PRELIMINARY WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN SECOND PHASE, WILL NOT HAVE BASIS FOR EFFECTIVE DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL PROMISING AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT WHICH WARRANT EARLY DETAILED ANALYSIS. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF PROGRESS ON FORCE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH WE EXPECT TO COME FROM STUDIES IN FIRST PHASE. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS:

--IN PARA 7 DELETE PHRASE "...INCLUDING AREAS SUCH AS TACTICAL AIR, ARTILLERY, ELECTRONIC WARFARE AND AIR DEFENSE". FYI. WE EXPECT TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE STUDY AREAS IN SUBSEQUENT GUIDANCE WHICH MAY NOT COINCIDE WITH EXAMPLES CITED. THEREFORE, WE PREFER DELETION OF ANY STUDY TOPICS IN THIS SECTION OF TOR. END FYI.

--REVISE PARA 12 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND PHASE SHOULD BEGIN DURING THE WORK OF THE FIRST PHASE, AND SHOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A PRELIMINARY REPORT TO DPC MINISTERS IN DECEMBER. THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON SECOND PHASE WORK SHOULD IDENTIFY SEVERAL SPECIFIC AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED BY MINISTERS AND WHICH MAY WARRANT EARLY DETAILED ANALYSIS. A FULL REPORT  
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ON SECOND PHASE WORK SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS IN SPRING 1974."

2. (S) WE HAVE TASKED WITHIN USG STUDIES ON AIRCRAFT SHELTERS, ANTI-TANK CAPABILITIES, AND WRM STOCKS TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR US INPUT TO NATO EFFORT. WE ARE ALSO UNDERTAKING STUDIES WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR US INPUT RELATED TO THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TOR.

3. (U) WE ARE PROVIDING GUIDANCE SEPTEL WHICH SETS  
FORTH BROAD FRAMEWORK AND OBJECTIVES FOR PROGRESS IN  
NATO LEADING UP TO DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL.  
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